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CONTACT MAKING ARTICLE

Group: 3711

Examiner: Graham, Mark S.

Our File: IGC-PT002

Date: December 18, 2003

REQUEST TO EXAMINER TO CORRECT HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner correct the PTO records to reflect that the Notice of Abandonment, dated December 15, 2003, for the above-identified application was improper. Applicants submitted an amendment and a three month petition for an extension of time on November 12, 2003 in response to the office action, dated May 12, 2003. Copies of the amendment, with a certificate of transmission, and the auto-repy facsimile transmission confirming receipt by the PTO are enclosed.



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Respectfully submitted,

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